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1. SUMMARY: FATMA MANSOUR (COSAR), RAHMI KOC AND IHSAN DOGRAMACI HAVE MADE SEPARATE VISITS TO WASHINGTON OVER PAST TWO WEEKS. JAK KAHMI AND OSMAN OKYAR ARE HERE WEEK OF FEB. 7. DEPARTMENT, TURKISH EMBASSY AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS PARKER HART, JIM GRANT AND JOE SISCO ASSISTED VISITORS WITH APPOINTMENTS. VISITS HAVE RECEIVED NO PRESS ATTENTION.

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2. OUR OVERALL IMPRESSION IS THAT VISITORS BELIEVE THEIR VARIOUS CALLS HELPED GET TURKISH CONCERNS AND VIEWS ACROSS ALTHOUGH THEY WERE LEFT WITH CLEAR IMPRESSION, PARTICULARLY FROM CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS, THAT US-TURKEY-NATO RELATIONS ARE STILL LINKED IN EYES OF MANY WITH NEED FOR TURKISH CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS. END SUMMARY

3. AS NOTED REFTEL A, KOC AND KAHMI HAD MADE MOST OF THEIR APPOINTMENTS IN ADVANCE, PREFERRING TO SEE ONLY THEIR PERSONAL AND BUSINESS ACQUAINTANCES. KAHMI HAS SEEN SEVERAL ON THE HILL INCLUDING CONGRESSMAN ROSENTHAL AND WE

EXPECT TO SEE HIM BEFORE HE LEAVES WASHINGTON. WILL INFORM EMBASSY AT THAT TIME OF HIS OVERALL PROGRAM AND IMPRESSIONS.

4. TURKISH EMBASSY PARTICULARLY THOUGHT DR. MANSOUR'S VISIT EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE. URBANE, POISED AND ARTICULATE, VIRTUALLY EVERY CONTACT PROMPTED POSITIVE FEEDBACK, IN MANY CASES TOGETHER WITH REQUEST FOR RETURN VISIT BEFORE HER DEPARTURE. HER CONTACTS INCLUDED: CONGRESSMEN SOLARZ, ZABLOCKI, MEYNER, RANGEL, PRITCHARD AND SENATORS PELL, NUNN AND PERCY, AS WELL AS MANY STAFFERS. SHE SAW ROBERT HUNTER, NSC SENIOR STAFF ASSISTANT FOR EUROPE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS-DESIGNATE BENNET AT SMALL DINNER PARTY. DR. MANSOUR SPOKE AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF STRATEGIC STUDIES, ATLANTIC COUNCIL, WORLD BANK, AND AMERICAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE. OTHER APPOINTMENTS INCLUDED JOE SISCO, HOLLIS CHENERY, AND LOCAL PROFESSORS OF TURKISH HISTORY AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. IN NEW YORK, DR. MANSOUR ADDRESSED A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION.

5. IN DEPARTMENT, DR. MANSOUR AND UNDER SECRETARY HABIB LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD A FRANK DISCUSSION OF THE OBSTACLES PREVENTING IMPROVED US-TURKISH RELATIONS, WHAT THE US IS DOING TO TRY AND IMPROVE THEM AND REQUISITE ACTION BY TURKEY TOWARD THIS COMMON GOAL. DR. MANSOUR TOLD HABIB OF NEAR UNANIMOUS CONGRESSIONAL LINKAGE SHE HAD FOUND BETWEEN CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE DCA AND TURKISH CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS AND CONCERN AMONG SOME ABOUT THE FOUR-YEAR ASSISTANCE COMMITMENT IN DCA. SHE TOLD HABIB THAT ON THE BASIS OF HER SOUNDINGS SHE THOUGHT THE CURRENT OUTLOOK FOR CONGRESSIONAL DCA APPROVAL WAS NEGATIVE UNLESS IT RECEIVED THE VIGOROUS SUPPORT OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. HABIB EXPLAINED THAT ADMINISTRATION IS DOING OVERALL POLICY REVIEW AND AFTER IT HAS MADE DECISIONS WILL CONSULT WITH CONGRESS. HABIB STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CLIFFORD MISSION AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HIS MEETINGS WITH TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE FRUITFUL. HABIB ASSURED DR. MANSOUR THAT WE DO VALUE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY, AND THAT WE WANT TO PRESERVE AND IMPROVE IT. DR. MANSOUR PROMISED TO RELAY HABIB'S REMARKS TO CAGLAYANGIL.

6. DR. DOGRAMACI SAW CONGRESSMEN BINGHAM, FASCELL, MEYNER, ZABLOCKI, SOLARZ AND BRADEMAS; SENATORS CASE, JAVITS AND SPARKMAN AS WELL AS STAFFERS FROM HIRC AND SFRC. DOGRAMACI STRESSED THAT IF THE DCA WERE NOT RATIFIED BY THE US CONGRESS WITHIN FIVE MONTHS, IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE AND "TURKEY WOULD BE LOST TO THE WEST." ANSWER DOGRAMACI

GENERALLY RECEIVED WAS THAT IF TURKEY WANTED TO STAY IN WEST, IT HAD TO MAKE TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS. DOGRAMACI HAD BRIEF MEETING WITH HABIB WHICH GENERALLY COVERED SAME GROUND IN MORE SUPERFICIAL MANNER THAN HABIB-MANSOUR MEETING.
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